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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

A SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED METHODS TO DETERMINE AUTHENTICATION PRIORITY BETWEEN DEVICES

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 (attached hereto in Appendix B), including, for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby appoint the persons listed on Appendix A, attached hereto (which is incorporated by reference and a part of this document), as my patent attorneys or agents, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reexam, reissue, international, and any other applications that claim priority to this application, and to transact all business and represent me in connection therewith in the Patent and Trademark Office and any International Authorities.

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